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6 January 1948

Mrs. Paul A. Merkle

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Dear Mrs. Merkle:

The White House has referred your letter of 5 December 1947, addressed to the President of the United States, to this Agency for a reply. Your interest and concern that the United States have a strong intelligence organization is much appreciated.

The National Security Act of 1947, established, for the first time in our peace time history, a Central Intelligence Agency. I am enclosing a copy of the National Security Act, and call your attention to Section 102 thereof, which establishes this Agency, and sets forth its functions.

Very truly yours,

[signature]

Director of Central Intelligence

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